total outlay of Rs. 163.10 crore which was increased in stages to an outlay of Rs. 258 crore. This outlay was tobe shared between the Government of India and the State Government of Madhya pradesh in the ratio of 75:25. the Central Government has already released its entire share of Rs. 193.50 crore. The State Government has been ifnromed that the funds required by them for continuously running of rehabilitation programmes as envisaged in the Action Plan should be provided as a part of the State Plan in consultation with the Planning Commission.

Vacation of stay orders against drug companies

322. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government areconsidering to move Supreme Court to seek quashing *enmasse* a flurry of stay orders, the leading multinational and domestic drug companies obtained over the past few years on notices served on them, for crediting estimated overcharged funds to a Drug Price Equalisation Account;

(b) if so, what has been the outcome of Government's move in this regard; and

(c) to what extent the Supreme Court has given its verdict?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the application has not been moved in theSurpreme Court.

(c) In view of (b) above, question does not arise.

Preference to fertilizer factories in price fixation policy

†323. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a ~~fact~~ that preference has been given by Government and the members of the Committee, in price fixation policy for urea factories. ~~to owners of factories~~ than to the interests of farmers;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.